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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping ~~characterised in that configured such that~~ the coping is not premounted to an abutment and is anatomically resemblant to a tooth.
2. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is adapted to be rotatably mounted.
3. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant of a tooth prosthesis.
4. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant of a preprepared tooth.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 2 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is rotatably mounted with 360 degrees of freedom.
7. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is adapted to form a snap fit with the abutment and withstand rotational forces during the making of the tooth preparation.
8. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant to a molar.

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9. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant to a premolar.

10. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant to a canine.

11. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping is resemblant to an incisor.

12. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coping comprises a "burn out" plastic or wax material.

13. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 12 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the plastic material is LEXAN 141.

14. (Currently Amended) A dental prosthetic assembly comprising: a dental plastics abutment plastics which is adapted for implantation in a patient; and a prosthetic dental plastics coping that is anatomically resemblant to a tooth, wherein the abutment is adapted to engage the coping and the coping is not premounted to the abutment ~~which is adapted to form non-premounted engagement with a prosthetic dental plastics coping according to claim 1.~~

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 14 characterised in that~~ A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 14 wherein the abutment forms a rotatable fit with the coping.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 14 characterised in that~~ A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 14 wherein the abutment is provided with means for forming a stable retraining joint with the coping during the preparation thereof.

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17. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 14 characterised in that A~~
dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 16 wherein the coping also comprises corresponding
means for forming a stable retaining joint with the abutment.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 14 characterised in that A~~
dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 17 wherein the stable retaining joints of the
abutment and the coping comprise ~~comprises~~ an annular recess and an annular lip adapted to
engage with one another.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 18 characterised in that A~~
dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18 wherein the stable retaining means comprises
~~an the abutment is~~ provided with an the annular lip and a the coping is provided with an the
annular recess.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A abutment according to claim 14 characterised in that A~~
dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18 wherein the abutment is provided with an the
annular recess and the coping is provided with ~~an the~~ annular lip.

21. (Currently Amended) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to
claim 1 ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ wherein the coping comprises a transgingival margin.

22.-55. (Canceled).